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SUBJECT: DRC DISCUSSION OF UK TASK GROUP DEPLOYMENT

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1. AT THE FEBRUARY 22 DRC MEETING, ASYG MUMFORD RAISED THE UK'S PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF A TASK GROUP TO THE PACIFIC (REPORTED REFTEL). MUMFORD STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF NATO-COMMITTED SHIPS INVOLVED AND THE RESULTING DEGRADATION OF THEIR READINESS CONDITION FROM CATEGORY A1 TO CATEGORY A3 (5 TO 15 DAYS' RESPONSE TIME), THE DEPLOYMENT OUTSIDE OF THE NATO AREA MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO INVOKE MC 55/2 PROCEDURES.

2. SACLAN TREPEUR (COTE) SAID THAT CINCHAN AND SACLAN T WERE SATISFIED WITH THE UK NOTIFICATION, SINCE THE DEPLOYMENT WAS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

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3. THE NETHERLANDS REP (STEENAERT) QUESTIONED WHETHER THE SHIPS COULD REMAIN WITHIN THE A3 READINESS CATEGORY. COTE SAID THAT RESPONSE TIME WAS BASED ON THE SHIP'S ABILITY TO ASSUME ITS GDP POSITION, AND THAT THOSE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MET. HE THEN ASKED FOR A DRC EVALUATION OF THE PROCEDURES USED FOR THIS NOTIFICATION, SEEKING A DETERMINATION THAT IT MET WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF MC 55/2. MUMFORD

RESPONDED THAT THIS CHANGE IN FORCE PLANNING FOR THE UK SHOULD HAVE BEEN RAISED DURING THE 1977 ANNUAL REVIEW AND THAT THE NOTIFICATION LETTER DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1978 IN EFFECT AMENDED AGREED FORCE PLANS. HE CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS PROCEDURE OF PRIOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION AT THE DRC LEVEL WAS ACCEPTABLE, IT WAS NOT THE NORMAL METHOD OF NOTIFYING CHANGES AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY AND NOT ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT.
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